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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: ARTIFICIAL CHAPERON KIT :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the pending claims begins on page A-1 of the attached Appendix.

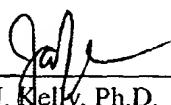
components of the kit in the claimed method. The purpose of the claims is to define the invention. The results obtained with the kit, i.e., decreased refolding time and stability of the protein, are described in detail in the specification of the present application, and the patentability of the pending claims does not require explicit recitation of those properties in the claims.

Based on the foregoing, the combination of Daugherty et al., Kitamura et al., and Larsen et al. fail to suggest the claimed kits and methods. In addition, the striking experimental data set forth in the specification would not have been predicted from those references. Therefore, the claimed kits and methods are not obvious over those references. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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